



## **Wichita Bicycle Master Plan**

Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

May 17, 2012, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Wichita City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room

### **Attendance**

Steering Committee Members: Barry Carroll, Bill Christian, Tami Bradley, Becky Pepper, Sonja Armbruster

Technical Advisory Committee Members: Scott Knebel, Brian Coon, Joe Pajor, Dave Barber, Michelle Stroot,

Staff: Scott Wadle

Others: None

### **1. Agenda Review – Purpose of the Meeting**

Scott Wadle welcomed everyone and facilitated a review of the meeting agenda. No changes to the agenda were requested.

### **2. Review – Project Update**

Scott Wadle provided a brief review of the project progress to-date. Using a PowerPoint, Scott reported the progress with the various plan elements and that the project is on-schedule.

### **3. Review – Open House Notes**

Scott Wadle provided a quick overview of the comments received during the Open House, recorded in the Open House #2 Event Summary document. The Steering Committee reviewed the number of public comments by general topic categories and the public suggestions for changes to the network maps. Scott indicated that the Project Team would review the comments and incorporate them as appropriate into the Plan revisions to be presented at the next meeting.

### **4. Discuss – Priority Projects**

The Steering Committee had a robust discussion of the Planning Team recommendation for the top ten (10) on-street and top three (3) off-street bicycle facilities; and the prioritization factors. The Steering Committee decisions are presented at the end of this section. Below is a quick listing of discussion highlights.

### Discussion Highlights – On-Street Facilities

- Costs can be an additional consideration for prioritization. Scott Wadle estimates that the total costs for the on-street facilities in the Planning Team staff recommendation are less than \$2 million. The costs for the shared use paths are approximately \$500,000 per mile.
- Another consideration for prioritization can be the ease of facility installation.
- Geographic access/distribution of the top ten (10) facilities is important because all areas of Wichita can benefit from and be supportive of bicycle facilities.
- The Sycamore St / Osage St / Walker Ave / Orient Blvd bicycle facilities will require more technical review to ensure feasibility and should be extended further south on Glenn Ave.

### Discussion Highlights – Off-Street Facilities

- The estimated cost per mile of shared-use path is \$500,000.
- The Delano path currently has limited bicycle transportation impacts, but the neighborhood stakeholders have indicated the importance of the facility for quality of life and economic revitalization in the area.
- The South Central Neighborhood Path on the east bank of the Arkansas River would duplicate/parallel the existing facility on the westbank, but offers the advantage of being adjacent to residential areas. Neighborhood stakeholders have indicated the importance of this facility for quality of life enhancements in their neighborhood.
- The development of shared-use paths on railroad corridors can be very cost effective because much of the earthwork is already done.

### Steering Committee Decisions (by consensus)

- The top ten (10) recommended on-street bicycle facilities should be presented without a priority rank order listing, because the Bicycle Advisory Board will be recommending the top priority new bicycle facilities on an annual basis or when specific funding opportunities are available.
- The Plan text needs to include language that clarifies that the Bicycle Advisory Board always has the ability to select bicycle facility projects that are not in the top ten (10) on-street or top three (3) off-street facilities lists; or the Priority Network Map.
- The K-96 Path to Harry Street connection should be included in the on-street facilities category because it is a side path and not a shared-use path outside of the street ROW.
- The Steering Committee decided that the top priority off-street bicycle facility is the Redbud Path from Oliver to K-96 and that it should be included in the Priority Network (Note: Sonja Armbruster abstained from this decision). In addition, all of the path facilities except the Westar Path write-in are important facilities and should be recognized as such in the Plan, but not included in the Priority Network.
- The Steering Committee decided that the top ten (10) new on-street and side path bicycle facilities consists of the following.

Facility Name	Description (not in any rank order, arranged alphabetically)
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Bike Lanes	Extend existing bike lanes from I-135 to the Arkansas River (east/west)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Bike Lane and Shared Lane Markings	Install mix of bike lanes and shared lane markings from the Arkansas River to Hoover (east/west)
Armour Ave Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard from Huntington Ave to K-96 (north/south)
Douglas Avenue Shared Lane Markings	Install shared lane markings from St. Paul Ave to Edgemoor Ave (east/west)
I-235 East/West Crossing: Central Ave or Maple St	Pending further study, install a side path connection under I-235 and across the "Big Ditch" (east/west)
Market St & Topeka Ave Bike Lanes	Install bike lanes from 21 <sup>st</sup> St to Mt Vernon Rd (north/south)
Mt Vernon Bike Lanes	Install bike lanes from Broadway Ave to Woodlawn Blvd (east/west)
Pedestrian Crossing Signal & Bicycle Boulevard	Install signal to cross Ridge Road and Westport Ave to provide access to Sedgwick County park; install bicycle boulevard starting at Ridge and going west to Glenhurst Street; then south along Holland Ln/Country Acres Ave/Woodchuck to University Ave (north/south)
Perry Ave Bicycle Boulevard + 17th / 18th St Shared Lane Markings	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Perry Ave & 13 <sup>th</sup> St., and going north to via Perry/Portier/20 <sup>th</sup> /Coolidge to 21 <sup>st</sup> Street (north/south) + Install shared lane markings on 17th, then 18th St from I-135 to Perry Ave (east/west)
Sycamore St Bicycle Boulevard	Install a mix of bicycle boulevards and shared lane markings starting at Sycamore and Douglas and going south to 31 <sup>st</sup> Street via Sycamore, Osage, Walker, Orient, and Glenn. (north/south)

## 5. Review – Priority Network Maps Entire Bikeway Network Maps

The Steering Committee members agreed to provide final comments about the maps by the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 6. Other Public Comments Received to Date

Scott Wadle distributed the handout Public Comments Received 4/27/2012 – 5/17/2012. Committee members inquired about and Scott explained that some of the comments were posted on Facebook with regards to photos (which provide context).

## 7. Questions and Answers

No one expressed any questions.

## 8. Public Comments

No public comments were submitted.

## 9. Adjourn

The next Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:30. The meeting was adjourned.